(ACI). Besides, DGCA has approved a total of 26 flying training institutes (including IGRUA) for imparting Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) training.

Opening of Bidar airport for civilian air services

912. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has requested the Centre to permit operation of civilian aircrafts at the airports at Bidar and Karwar which are currently under the Defence Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details of each proposal and Centre's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) carried out inspection of proposed site of Naval Airort at Karwar and gave the suggestion for Runway alignment and additional land required for providing Runway suitable for operation of civil flights. AAI has also carried out inspection of Bidar Airforce Station alongwith State Government and Airforce officials for initial feasibility and site inspection of Civil Enclave at Bidar. Feasibility report has been submitted to Government of Karnataka to obtain NOC from Ministry of Defence and availability and handing over of the required land to AAI free of cost for the establishment of Civil Enclave at Bidar.

Development of unused airstrips

†913. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have such airstrips which are not used;

(b) if so, the details of such airstrips, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the development of such airstrips; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State-wise details of such airstrips are as follows: Andhra Pradesh–6, Arunachal Pradesh–1, Assam–7, Bihar–22, Gujarat–11, Jammu & Kashmir–8, Jharkhand–3, Chhattisgarh–2, Maharashtra–7, Mizoram–1, Rajasthan–18, Orissa–18, West Bengal–16, Madhya Pradesh–11, Punjab–5, Haryana–1, Tamil Nadu–2, Meghalaya–1, Karnataka–5, Manipur–2, Uttar Pradesh–4, Tripura–1, Nagaland–1.

(c) and (d) The Airports Authority of India (AAI) have decided to take up developmental works in coordination with the State Governments at some of the

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